been accordingly formulated and submitted to the WTO on 15.1.2001. The Indian proposals aim at.

- Increasing the flexibility enjoyed by developing countries for providing domestic support to the agriculture sector under the special and differential provisions as also further strengthening of trade defence mechanisms with a view to ensuring the food security and to take care of livelihood concerns.

- Demanding of substantial and meaningful reductions in tariffs including elimination of peak tariff and tariff escalation, substantial reductions in domestic support and elimination of export subsidies by the developed countries so as to get meaningful market access opportunities.

Deficiency of pulses, oil seeds and cotton

3823. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a deficiency of pulses, oil seeds and cotton in the country at present;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) the incentives Government propose to offer to farmers to go in for cultivation of these crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The targets and achievements of production of pulses,

oil seeds and cotton during the last three years alongwith shortfall are given below:

Years	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
PULSES (Prodn. in lakh tonnes)			
Target	150.00	155.00	155.00
Ach.	129.79	149.07	133.50
Shortfall	20.21	5.93	21.50
OIL SEEDS (Prodn. in lakh tonnes)			
Target	255.00	270.00	270.00
Ach.	213.25	247.48	208.72
Shortfall	41.75	22.52	61.28
COTTON (Prodn. in lakh bales)*			
Target	148.00	148.00	150.00
Ach.	108.51	122.87	116.44
Shortfall	39.49	25.13	33.56

*Bales of 170 kg each

(c) To make the country self sufficient in the field of production of pulses, oil seeds and cotton, the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Oil seeds Production Programme (OPP), National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) and Integrated Cotton Development Programme, ICDP (Cotton) are being implemented in the country. The higher incentive have already been incorporated in the schemes of OPP, NPDP and ICDP (Cotton) during the 9th Plan for increasing the production of pulses, oil seeds and cotton in the country.